Numb. 62.

The British Apollo,

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by a Society of GENTLEMEN.

From **Friday** September 10th. to **Wedneſday** September 15th. 1708.

Q. *ABout this time two Years I lov'd two Siſters; I ſcarcely knew, which had the greater ſhare in my heart. I perceiv'd by their Friends and their Carriage, either the One (a Widow) or the Other (a Maid) wou'd accept of my Service. After mature Conſideration I made my addreſſes to the Widow, and Married her. She dying within a year in Child bed of a Daughter ſtill-born, and 12 Months being ſince expir'd, I love her Siſter (who is ſtill Unmarried) above all Women living. Query, may I Marry her? I will abide by your Determination.*

They were Siſters only by the Father's Side.

A. When *Henry* VIII. was Earneſt to be Devorc'd from his Queen (*Catharine* of *Spain*) who was his Brother *Arthur*'s Relict, but cou'd not obtain his deſire of the Pope, by the advice of *Cranmore* (afterwards Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*) he conſulted all the Univerſities, and moſt Eminent Divines in Europe, both Catholick and Reform'd. And as of the Catholicks he had a prodigious Majority on his ſide, ſo the ſincerity of their Votes may be eſtimated by theſe Reflections. 1. Tho' they own'd the Pope's Supremacy, yet they acted againſt his Infallibility, nor thought themſelves the more Fallible on that Account. 2. Tho' the Temporalities of the Clergy had ſuch dependance on the Roman See, yet they dreaded not the Pope's reſentment, who ſo ſtiffly defended his Diſpenſation for the Marriage. 3. Tho' *Charles* V. had ſuch a Sway in Europe, yet they ventur'd to offend that in a Manner Univerſal Monarch, who reſolutely defended his Aunt's cauſe. 4. Tho' *Crook* (the King's Agent abroad) gave but ſmall gratuities to thoſe on the King's Side, yet the Emperor rewarded thoſe on the Queen's with conſiderable preferments. 5. Since *Cranmore*, who was thought a favourer of the reform'd, was employ'd in that affair, and *Anna Bullen* (a Lady, that was influenc'd by ſome of the Reformer's Principles) was to ſucceed the Queen (a Spaniard, and conſequently a Zealous Catholick) what, but their great Integrity in the matter, cou'd have prevented ſuch Warping Circumſtances? 6. Since the King had liv'd in Conjugal Affection with the Queen for 20 Years, and had born him 3 Children, the one of which was living and Heir Apparent to the Crown, this muſt have engag'd them to be more tenderly ſcrupulous, how they voted a Divorce. And indeed the Divines of Leipſick, tho' they condemn'd the Marriage, yet wou'd not abet ſo Circumſtantiated a Separation. 7. The Divines of *Bologna*, tho' that were the Pope's own Town, yet ventur'd to oppoſe their Prince as well as Biſhop.

Tho' ſome of the Reform'd Divines were againſt the Divorce, yet they were outvoted by their otherwiſe perſwaded Brethren. And it wou'd be no hard matter to trace the cauſe, that might lead the former (eſpecially Melancthon) into their Miſtake.

The Authority of former Ages was inſiſted on, ſeveral of the *Greek* and *Latin* Fathers were brought upon the Stage, as repreſenting the Doctrine of the Church in their days, and three ſeveral Counſels were produc'd to the ſame effect.

The Jews were conſulted alſo, who declar'd, that the Precept *of raiſing up Children to a Brother* was not to Extend beyond the limits of *Judea*.

But to procede from Humane to Divine Authority; The Catalogue of Unlawful Marriages, and Unlawful Luſts ſo punctually exhibited in *Levit.* 18. is ſeal'd, as it were, with this awakening Sanction; a Sanction drawn from the examples of Offenders; *defile not your ſelves with any of theſe things: For in all theſe things the Nations are defil'd, which I caſt out before you. And the Land is defil'd; therefore I do viſit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the Land it ſelf vomiteth out her Inhabitants.* From which remarkable Epilogue we learn, that ſuch Marriages are forbid by the Laws of nature, ſince the Heathens were accountable for none but ſuch.

It is of no avail to plead, that your former Wife, and the Perſon you now wou'd Marry, were but Half-Siſters, ſince the Reaſon drawn from Conſanguinity ſtill preſents it ſelf, tho' not in the very ſame Proportion.

Since the guilt of Inceſt is of ſo Terrible a Dy, let this uſeful Sentence be ſo always before you, as to reſtrain your Paſſion, to bridle your deſires, *ſtand in aw, and ſin not.*

Q. *Whether the wicked Angels, Committed Fornication with the Daughters of Men; and from them were produced Gyants, who were Mighty Men and Increas'd in the Earth.* Geneſ. 6th.

A. We gave our Opinion in a former *Apollo*, that the Sons of God were the Children of *Seth*, and the Daughters of Men the Posterity of Cain.

Q. *Gentlemen, You have ingeniously answered my Question in* Numb. 38. *which has encouraged me again to approach your Oracle.*

Some Anatomical (and other) writers giving an account of the wonderful Mechanism of the Muscles of a Humane Body, pretend to Calculate their force in Equilibrum to a specified number of Pound Weights, and in Keil's *Anatomy he quotes* Pitcairn's *Demonstration, that the force by which the Aliment is Elaborated in Making the Chile by the Muscular Coat of the Stomach only, is equal to the pressure of* 12951 *l. weight. To which (adds he) if we add the force of the Diaphragma and Muscles of the Abdomen, which likewise conduce to Digestion the Sum will amount to* 261086 *l. weight.*

I desire a Satisfactory account how this can be, and how 'tis possible to Calculate so exactly the pressure or force of a Muscle.

A. Whatever some great and learned Men may pretend to, we think it is next to impossible to make any exact calculation of the pressure or motive force of Muscles; for tho' their Pretensions seem to be grounded upon several Propositions Mathematically demonstrated, yet if we consider that to make a just application of 'em to the different Muscles of the Body, we must have a due regard to the different Position, number, length, bigness, and insertion of their Fibres, and to the different activity of that Juice, by which they are actuated in different Bodies, and at different times, we must own, that we may be easily mistaken in our estimate. It is not possible for us to enter here into a more particular discussion of that nice and curious enquiry; but whoever has a mind to be better satisfied in it may consult *Alphonsus Borellus*'s Book *de motu animalium*, who hath most accurately treated on that Subject, and lays down as a General Rule, that we cannot know the absolute motive force of the Muscles, but by the effect they produce, that is, by the resistance which they overcome; and that therefore it is necessary to know first by some Experiment the measure of the said resistance, and that seems not practicable in many Muscles; of whose force therefore he judges by comparing them to others in which that is more practicable.

Q. *Gentlemen, I have a Neece whose Fortune is considerable, but enjoys not the same (if Married) till of Age. There is a Youth, who makes his Addresses to her, whose Fortune does not quite Equalize her's. But is in a very good Settlement, and Industrious therein, and a Person I do believe very Agreeable to her. Your Judgment Learned Gentlemen.*

Whether its most Wisdom to Accept hereof (For I Know Post est Occasio calva*) or deny Admittance to him, or any Other till She's of Age; because, when of Age, she may Advance her Fortune.*

A. If the Youth's Circumstances, Conditions, *&c.* be every way to the Young Lady's and your Liking, we think you in the Right to dispose of her to him, by reason his not entring upon the immediate Possession of her Fortune, may so exert his Industry to Maintain her in the Interim, that it may become a Habit to him ever after.

Q. *Pray what is the Reason, that of all Chymical Oils, the Oil of Aniseeds only freezes in Winter, and dilates it self in Summer, being always closely stop'd, and kept in a Close place.*

A. Aniseeds (as *Lefebure* Observes) are plentyfully stored with Volatile Salt: Now the Saline Particles arising in Distillation confusedly with the Oleaginous ones, may frame such a Mixture, as may be rendred Concrete by Outward Cold gathering together, and fixing the Particles thereof, so that they mutually take hold of each other, and become Stiff.

Q. *Since you have answer'd one Question already about the Specimen of Mr.* Hill's *Book, give me leave to ask you another, Whether that is not the most entertaining part of his whole Book, if not, what's the reason that he pick'd out the* 37*th Chapter. Several Persons (I know) are of Opinion its judg'd by the Author to be better writ than the rest, and your Answer I believe will either confirm or remove their Conceptions.*

A. The Author might probably make Choice of that Chapter in respect to the Noble Earl, to whom the Plate is Dedicated, which happen'd to be affixed thereunto. Some one he must have made Choice of, and had he fix'd on the first, it might with much more Reason have been objected, whether he could have kept up with that Vigour so far as to the 37th. Chapter. We have reason to believe some other Chapters may be much more entertaining, since the Accident therein specify'd, may have had many Parallells; but other Parts, particularly the Women's Appartment in the Seraglio, were never before manifested to the World.

Q. *Whether Earwiggs flie?*

A. That they have Wings beneath the sheathy Cases of their Backs, is an undoubted truth, and it has been known, that by a long continued pricking them with large *Hogs Bristles*, they have been enrag'd to such a great degree, as to Extend their Wings, and by a sudden flight, escape their Torment.

Q. *Pray be so kind, Gentlemen, as to let me know, what reasons you can give why Persons die commonly at the turn of the Tide (unless suddenly) either at High or Low Water: It being a General Observation. Yours,* P. D.

A. We believe, Sir, that the Author of this worthy Observation, was so devoted to the palefac'd *LUNA*, that he made himself a *Moon Calf* to be qualified for her service; and to flatter her into smiling looks, maintain'd the universal frame of Nature to be govern'd by her Influence.

POEMS.

Q. *YE Refined and Eminent Wits of Great Al-*
(bion,
Pray, give me an Answer to this my Grand Question:
Why our Calves and our Sheep whilst alive are so stiled,
But are Mutton and Veal titled when they are killed.

A. From the Gallick *Du Mouton quasi* Mounta-
(nous Breed,
Or the Flemish Word *Mottoen* does your *Mutton* pro-
(ceed,
From the Gallick Word *Veau*, the Word *Veal* we
(derive,
Which in Latin *Vitulus* does (probably) give.

Q. *Ye Learned* Apollo's *Inform, if you Can,*
What follows, Concerning the Gall of a Man:
Why when a Man's drown'd, whilst whole *he doth sink;*
And why, when it breaks *he swims up to the brink.*

A. Honest Querist, impute not this Change to
(the Gall,
For in this Case it signifies nothing at all:
Tis *Corruption*, and *Ferment*, that makes the Corps
(rise,
And till these are Commenc'd in the Bottom it lies.

Q. Apollo, *pray hear,*
Methinks it looks queer,
That Melosa's *thus slighted by you;* The

Tho' you will not reply,
Why muſt you deny,
To ſend me my Papers *when due ?*
Tho' you wou'd not afford,
To anſwer a word,
To a Nymph, who ſo humbly beſought you;
Yet my right *to beſtow,*
And to give *what you owe,*
Generoſity *ſure might have taught you.*
What mean your delays ?
I've waited two days,
While my Cell *you have ſullenly paſt ;*
But now I declare
I cannot forbear
To tell you, no longer I'll faſt.
When Monday appears,
Pray ſend your arrears,
Leſt I ſhou'd go enter a Suit,
Then Sirs, pay your rent,
And I'll be content
From Michaelmas next *to be mute.*
A. Good angry-pen'd Maid,
Yours *Arrears* ſhall be paid,
Nor your Perſon ſo ſlighted again ;
But you ought to have told
In the *Rhymes* of your *Scold,*
Where 'tis you think fit to remain.
Tis a very dark *Cell,*
Where *Obſcurely,* you dwell,
Thus *twice,* to be paſs'd by together,
Elſe ſurely, ſome Ray,
Of our ever bright Day,
Wou'd have ſeen thro' the Clouds of ill Weather.
But if he goes by,
Nor you *Lodging* can ſpy,
After *Long* having ſought it in vain,
Laugh aloud at the ſight,
Half as briſk as you write,
And I'll warrant, you turn Him again.
Q. *Bright Learned* Apollo,
My Wit being ſhallow,
To You I come now, for an Anſwer,
So that if 'mongſt the reſt
You'll ſolve me this Jeſt,
I'll give You a Bottle of Wine Sir.
The Queſtion Does follow,
Why Owls in Night hollow,
And not when Bright Phœbus *appears, Sir :*
By ſolving this ſpeedy,
You'll much help the Needy,
And oblige an Admirer of Yours, Sir.

Agricolus.

A. Their Theft and their Prey,
The God wou'd betray ;
Thence dares not appear in his Light,
So like Villains and Thieves,
Whom no Protection he gives,
They Triumph and Hoot in the Night.

Q. Apollo,
As for my Wit,
Is it without me,
Or I within it ?
Pray, Learned, ſolve me this Doubt,
Whether my Wit be Within or Without ?
A. A Riddle may ſerve to ſolve your Doubt;
Wit is not within You, tho' You are *Without.*
Q. *You Sons of* Apollo, *I'll give You a Pot,*
To tell, which was made firſt, Powder or Shot.
And one Queſtion more I'll ask of You now,
Which was made firſt, the Bull or the Cow.
And if You will tell me, it will make me Laugh,
How they found out for to get a Calf.
And now I ſhall End with a few more words,
Pray, which was made firſt of all ſorts of Birds.
A. Prithee Scatterbrains, Hold, what a Bundle
(of Queries,
What an Inſipid Heap of Impertinence here is ;
Whether *Bull* or *Cow* firſt, 'tis like you were made
(laſt,
Or for one of their Offsprings you never had paſt :
Rather ceaſe, than to publiſh thy dull Generation,
Leaſt for further Deriſion thou giv'ſt more Occaſion.
Q. *Long was I to your Town, a Captive bound,*
Where reſtleſs hurry's are for ever found ;
But tir'd at length, with Noiſe and conſtant Care,
To rural Solitudes I did repair,
A Lonely Reſidence, indulging Scene,
Circled with Streams, and never-fading Green ;
I beg your Council to employ my Hours,
My Duty paid to the Almighty Pow'rs,
And how I may ſucceſsfully improve
My Mind, in Knowledge, Piety, *and* Love.
What Books, *what* Method *had I beſt to Chuſe,*
That my young Heart *may Errors ſtill refuſe,*
Nor my Creator's Laws, nor my own Soul abuſe ?
A. Oh ! happy Choice ! happy, *thrice happy* Maid !
By no deluſive, Modiſh Vice betray'd,
Retir'd from hurries, and fatiguing Care,
To thoſe ſoft Pleaſures form'd to bleſs the Fair ;
Improve Great Soul that bright tranſporting thought,
Which thy true *Wiſdom,* and pure Virtue taught ;
But in thoſe dulcid manſions of thy Joy,
Let not miſtaken Steps thy Peace deſtroy,
Be not too Warm, too Cold, too Sad, too Gay,
Steer like wiſe Pilots in the middle way ;
Let your Religion with your Pleaſure join,
At diff'rent times let diff'rent Graces ſhine.
Let Love and Solitude *Alternate* rule,
And make the various Scenes of Life your School,
So ſhall you ever doubly happy live,
And taſt the Richeſt Joys, that Heav'n to Earth can
(give.
Q. *By my Troth, Couſin* Phœbus,
Tho' in Omnibus Rebus
You're candid, good natur'd and Civil ;
Your Advice came too late,

Ah !

Ah! wretched's my State,
Fair Silvia's *as croſs as the Devil;*
Unconſtant, unkind,
As wav'ring as Wind,
She aſſures me that none will down
With her, but a Tradeſman,
Whoſe Art ſoon She learn can:
For a Scholar's the ſcorn o' the Town.
She Viſits denies me,
Which much does ſurprize me;
Tho' kindly receives all my Letters.
Your Advice, wiſe Apollo,
In this I will follow,
And own my ſelf one of your Debtors.
A. Since ſo croſs and ſevere,
The Coy Nymph does appear
With Behaviour as Obſtinate, try her;
Ten to one ſhe'l then ſtrike,
For ſhe ſeems Shadow-like,
And will follow (perhaps) if you fly her:
But withal Friend Beware,
Of her *Learning* take care,
Since with Artiſts ſhe practicing would be:
For your Ζωὴ καὶ ψυχὴ
May prove but unlucky,
And prone to more Trades than ſhe ſhould be.

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SIR,

THE Letters from Frankfort of Sept. 12th. Give an account that the Enemy decamp'd the 10th. Inſtant from Langencandel, and retir'd to their Lines of Lauterburg, having ſent their Baggage before to Druſenheim, and broken down their Bridge on the Rhine. Tis ſtill diſcours'd, that the Spaniſh and Bavarian Troops will return to the Netherlands, in which Caſe, a Detachment, compos'd of the 2 Regiments of Cuiraſſiers, of Mercy and Lobkowitz, the Dragoons of Anſpach, and a Regiment of Foot of Wirtemberg, will be ſent to reinforce the Confederate Army there. Tis adviſed from the Camp of the Allies at Fretin. Sept. 15th. That the Enemy at two of the Clock this Morning decamp'd without Noiſe and fil'd off on their Right; upon which account 'tis thought, they have receiv'd Orders from the Court of France conformable to the Sentiments of the Duke of Vendome, who 'tis ſaid, was againſt attacking us in our Intrenchments; That our Army is order'd to be in a readineſs to March, and for that End the Baggage is already loaded: They will decamp to morrow, and if the Enemy march towards Pont d' Eſpieres, as they give out, they will be narrowly obſerv'd. In the mean time the Siege goes forward: The two Lunettes, which hinder'd the giving a general Aſſault on the Town were taken laſt Night; and Grenadoes are diſtributed to the Soldiers in order to Storm. From Bruſſels Sept 27th. 'tis adviſed. That on Thurſday laſt the Count de la Mothe with a Detachment of the Garriſon of Ghent, conſiſting of 1600 Foot, and ſix Squadrons of Horſe and Dragoons came to Aloſt, and thence proceeded towards Enghien, where they are to receive a Convoy of Proviſions from Hall. Thoſe Troops have no Baggage with them, and have taken Bread with them for 4 days. They are to be reinforc'd with Troops from the Garriſons of Namure, Charleroy and Mons, with deſign to cut off Communication between the Confederate Army and this City, to hinder any Convoy of Ammunition from thence to paſs to the Camp before Lille. The French Army is return'd to Tournay, and they give out, that they will attack Oudenarde in order to ſecure the Poſſeſſion of Ghent and Bruges. The Adviſes from the Hague Sept. 18th. Give an account, that the Letters from Milan Confirm the reduction of the Iſland of Sardinia to the Obedience of King Charles. That 1300 Priſoners were taken in Cagliari, and that moſt of them have liſted themſelves in the Service of that Prince. The Count de Cifuentes has been appointed Viceroy of that Iſland, and Sir John Leake with the Confederate Fleet, is ſail'd to the Coaſt of Sicily. That Feneſtrelles is taken, and the Garriſon conſiſting of 800 Men made Priſoners of War. There is ſuch a Deſertion among the Troops of Mareſchal de Villars, that 1500 Soldiers are come over to the Duke of Savoy in a Months time. Tis adviſed from Saxony, That the Saxon Cavalry had Orders to March in few days towards the Netherlands. Which concludes this from Yours, &c.

Any Perſons upon Directing their Letters (Superſcrib'd for the *Britiſh Apollo*) to Mr. *Keeble* in *Weſtminſter-Hall*, Mr. *Carter* at the *Green Dragon* in St. *Paul*'s Church-Yard, Mr. *Bickerton* at the *Roſe and Crown* in *Little Britain* Bookſellers, or to the Printer hereof, may have this Paper brought to their Houſes (in the City or Suburbs) at 2 *s. per* Quarter, and the Monthly Papers at 6 *d. per* Quarter more: Thoſe who come within the Quarter, to have proportional Deductions at the End. Alſo Books of Guards neatly Bound, to keep them in, at 2 *s.* a-piece. Likewiſe whole Sets from the Beginning, paying only 3 *s.* 6 *d.* for all before Midſummer, and the reſt to go; at which Places Advertiſements are taken in at 2 *s.* 6 *d.* each.

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